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First-Class Package Service (FCPS) Service Standard Changes, 2021 Docket No. N2021-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE

(Issued July 8, 2021)

On June 28, 2021, the Presiding Officer issued an information request with a deadline of July 6, 2021, for the Postal Service to respond.¹ On July 6, 2021, the Postal Service responded to all but one question posed in POIR No. 1 by the deadline.² On July 7, 2021, the Postal Service responded to the outstanding question.³ Concurrent with its July 7 Response to POIR No. 1, the Postal Service filed a motion for late acceptance, stating that "[I]ast minute logistical challenges and the holiday-related shortened response period" prevented a timely response.⁴ It maintains that no party is likely to be prejudiced by the one day delay. *Id.* The Motion for Late Acceptance is granted.

¹ Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 1 and Notice of Filing under Seal, June 28, 2021 (POIR No. 1).

² Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-8.a., 9-11 of Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 1, July 6, 2021.

³ Response of the United States Postal Service to Question 8.B of Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 1, July 7, 2021 (July 7 Response to POIR No. 1)

⁴ Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of the Response to Question 8.B of Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 1, July 7, 2021, at 1 (Motion for Late Acceptance).

RULING

The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of the Response to Question 8.B of Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 1, is granted.

Ann C. Fisher Presiding Officer